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OF THE *K. Great Britain*  
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CONTAINING,

- I. An Account of the Indisposition and Death of her late Majesty Queen ANNE.
- II. The Manner of proclaiming his present Majesty George, Elector of Brunswick-Lunenburgh, King of Great Britain, &c.
- III. The Acts of Settlement, for securing the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover.
- IV. An exact List of the REGENCY for the Time being. With some Account of the Royal Family.

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ACCORDING to your Desire, I transmit you all the Account that I could receive from the best Informations of the State of Affairs at present, by which, as you will receive a suitable Grief for the Death of her  
A 2 Majesty,

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Majesty, so I question not but the Possession of so good and great a Successor, will inspire your Heart with a Thankfulness to that Providence which preserves to us a *Protestant Heir* in these Kingdoms. Before I enter upon Particulars, I can't help exhorting you to a particular Vigilance and Activity in your Duty to the *King*; and for an Example, I do assure you, that there appears in the Face of all Mankind a general Satisfaction, and a Concurrence of Persons of all Orders and Qualities, to shew their Duty and Zeal upon this Occasion. The Name of Party is no more heard of; and by what I shall observe to you in the Sequel, we may hope it will be entirely extinguish'd among us, and all his Majesty's Subjects united as one Man, in their Expressions of Allegiance, and agree with him in the Support of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties. Be not then concern'd at the Tales of the Malicious, or the Unwarrantable



Unwarrantable of Schemes of the Politick, but hold fast to your Honour and Conscience, and fear not but that *Great Britain* will see as glorious Days under a *Series* of wise and good Princes, as ever it yet enjoy'd.

But you expect the Account, I know, and take it then in the Order I collected it, and let the latter Part make Amends for the melancholy Review of the former.

On Friday the 30th of *July*, was the first Time that any Symptoms of Danger appear'd, her Majesty being then seiz'd with a sudden Illness, which was follow'd by repeated Convulsion Fits. The Assistance of the Physicians seeming to have but little or no Effect, the Privy-Council were that Day assembled, in order to take proper Measures at such a sad Conjunction. The Result was an Order of Council directed to the Lord-Mayor, to take Care of the Peace of the City, and ~~the~~ Lieutenancy were immediately

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ly summon'd, and the Militia order'd out for that End. Another Order of Council soon follow'd to the Lords of the Admiralty, and they sent away Directions for the fitting out a sufficient Number of Men of War for the Guard of the Coasts and Ports, and such Ships as soonest could be got ready, were appointed on that Duty. There appearing no Hopes of her Majesty's Recovery, and the Physicians agreeing, that it was not to be expected, the Council, upon Saturday Morning, sent an Express by *James Craigs*, Esq; Junior, to desire his Electoral Highness of *Brunswick* to be pleas'd to hasten his Journey hither. They then proceeded to take a more particular Care of the Affairs of the Nation, by calling upon all Persons in publick Offices, to the immediate Attendance of their Duties. Accordingly Orders were dispatch'd to all the Military Officers, to repair to their respective Posts, in order to prevent all

Disturbances

Disturbances of the Publick Tranquility. Another Order of great Importance was sent to the Earl of *Strafford*, to desire the States-General to make a speedy Preparation for the Performance of the Treaty of Guarantee of the Protestant Succession, if any Emergency should make that Assistance necessary.

And for a farther Security, it was thought proper to send into *Flanders* for some Battalions of our Forces to embark for *England* with all Speed.

All these Orders being dispatch'd to put the Nation in a Posture of Security, the Death of her Majesty happen'd on *Sunday*, a little after Seven-a-Clock in the Morning, in the fifty first Year of her Age, being born the 6th of *February* 1664.

The first Business after her Majesty's Decease, was, to send for the Persons in whose Custody the three seal'd Covers were repos'd, wherein the Persons chosen Regents by his Electoral



ral Highness were nominated, beside those seven great Officers who were appointed by Act of Parliament. Accordingly, the Lord Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, and Mr. *Krienberg*, Resident of *Brunswick*, open'd their respective Covers in the Presence of the Council, and these following Names were found written in his Electoral Highness's own Hand, viz.

Arch-Bishop of	<i>Anglesea,</i>
<i>York.</i>	<i>Carlisle,</i>
	<i>Nottingham,</i>
Dukes.	<i>Abingdon,</i>
<i>Shrewsbury,</i>	<i>Scarborough,</i>
<i>Somerset,</i>	<i>Orford.</i>
<i>Bolton,</i>	
<i>Devonshire,</i>	Viscount.
<i>Kent,</i>	<i>Townshend.</i>
<i>Argyle,</i>	
<i>Montross,</i>	Barons.
<i>Roxborough.</i>	
Earls.	<i>Halifax,</i>
<i>Pembroke,</i>	<i>Comper.</i>



It is with much Pleasure that we read this prudent Choice of the Regency, the Persons being of the most unexceptionable Characters, and the truest and firmest Patriots to their King and Country. We may see, that the Trust repos'd in these great Men was not sway'd by a Principle of Party, and therefore we may justly hope that those Distinctions will never more have any Share in our Government and Councils. The Heat and Violence of Bigots begins to sink and cool already upon a View of such Wisdom, and not so much as a Murmur of Discontent appears in those who were lately such vehement Partizans, that it might have been thought that nothing could reconcile them to a good Opinion of each other. What may we not expect from such happy Beginnings of Temper and Satisfaction in the Hearts of all People! Or what Power is able to break thro' so firm an Affection, as is already settled on

his Majesty by his excellent Conduct in an Affair of such Moment to the Good of his Kingdoms?

As to the other Persons settled by Act of Parliament, you will best know them, and the prudent Caution of the Legislature on its Part for preserving the Peace of the Realm by a View of the Act it self. It is so necessary for every one to know it, that I have transcrib'd all that is material in it for your Perusal.

The *Regency* being known, the Privy - Council re-assembled at St. JAMES'S, in order to appoint the Time of proclaiming the KING, and the Attorney-General was order'd to draw up a Form for that End. The Honourable Persons of her late Majesty's Privy-Council that attended at St. JAMES'S, were these following.

Thomas

Thomas, Cantuar.  
 Harcourt, Chancel.  
 Shrewsbury  
 Buckingham  
 Dartmouth  
 Somerset  
 Ormond  
 Northumberland  
 Argyle  
 Roxburgh  
 Kent  
 Poulet  
 Northampton  
 Sunderland  
 Radnor  
 Rochester  
 Orford  
 Mar  
 Loudoun  
 Ferrers  
 Oxford

Portmore  
 Bolingbroke  
 Joh. London  
 Lexington  
 Berkley of Stratton  
 Guilford  
 Somers  
 Guernsey  
 Cowper  
 Mansell  
 Lansdown  
 Bingley  
 Wm. Bromley, Esq;  
 Henry Boyle, Esq;  
 Thomas Coke, Esq;  
 Sir Wm Wyndham  
 Sir John Trevor  
 Sir John Holland  
 John Hill, Esq;  
 Sir Richard Onslow  
 John Smith, Esq;

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The Proclamation being drawn, was approv'd, and issu'd out in this Form.

**W**Hereas it hath pleas'd Almighty God to call to his Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Anne, of blessed Memory, by whose Decease the Imperial Crowns of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, are solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince George, Elector of Brunfwick-Lunenburgh: We therefore the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the Realm, being here assisted with those of her late Majesty's Privy-Council, with Numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby, with one full Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince George,  
Electo



Elect<sup>r</sup> of Brunſwick-Lunenburgh, is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign, of happy Memory, become our only Lawful and Rightful Liege Lord, George, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection: Beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal King George with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at the Palace of St. James's,  
the first Day of August 1714.

GOD save the KING.

Sign'd by the following Lords and  
Commoners.

Thomas,

Thomas, Cantuar.	Lansdown
Harcourt, C.	Pagett
Buckingham, P.	Berkeley
Shrewsbury	Guilford
Dartmouth, C. P. S.	Somers
Portmore	W. Bromley
Loudoun	W. Wyndham
Findlater	Bingley
Orford	Dorset
Argyle	Lincoln
Kent	Montague
Radnor	Berkeley
Poulett	Grafton
Ferrers	T. Coke
Somerset	Guernsey
Northumberland	Cowper
Ormond	Scarfsdale
Roxburgh	Cardigan
Mar	Grantham
Sunderland	Bruce
Rocheſter	Stair
Northampton	St. Albans
Marifchall	Hay
Joh. London	Oſfulſton
Bolingbroke	Dunmore
Halifax	Willoughby deBroke
Oxford and Mortim.	Edw. Northey
Manſell	Rob. Raymond
Lexington	Delawarr

Hollis

Hollis, Lord Pelham

Dunbarton

John Eyles

Arthur More

Harley

Nath. Gould

Ra. Freeman

Ch. Rofs

Nich. Carew

John Bland

J. Hynde Cotton

William Pulteney

Alex. Abercromby

Ja. Lowther

Tho. Clarges

John London

James Stanhope

Edward Harley

Henry Boyle

John Trevor

J. Holland

R. Onslow

J. Hill

Will. Harvey

J. Smith

Christo. Musgrave

Edward Southwell

Ja. Vernon

John West

John Povey.

Thomas Onslow

Robert Munro

George Beaumont

Rockingham

Carteret

Bathurst

Dundonald

Kilsyth

Tho. Frankland

Sherard

George Treby

William Northey

Alex. Abercrombie

Ch. Cholmondeley

Rob. Marfham

Jo. Middleton

Heneage Finch

Jo. Pringle

Ja. Scott

R. Edgcumbe

Wm. St. Quentin

H. Walpole

Charles May

Christopher Wren

C. Aldworth

John Pepper

Acton Baldwyn

Arth. Hutcheson

John

John Gape  
 W. Cadogan  
 R. Bruce  
 W. Morison  
 Robert Bristow  
 Hugh Hughes

Hunfdon  
 R. Rich  
 J. Montgomerie  
 Tho Conyers  
 Mountjoy  
 Jo. Cockburne.

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STAT. Ann. 4. ANNA Reg.  
Cap. viii.

I. **T**HIS, or any other Parliament, shall not be dissolved by the Death of her Majesty, her Heirs or Successors; and if sitting at the Time of such Death, is impowered to act for six Months, unless prorogued or dissolved by such Person to whom the Crown shall come; and if the said Parliament shall be so prorogued, then it shall sit on the Day to which it was prorogued, and continue the Residue of six Months, unless sooner Prorogued or Dissolved.

II. If there be a Parliament in being at the Death of her Majesty, her Heirs, or Successors, but separated by Prorogation or Adjournment, such Parliament shall immediately meet and sit during the Time of six Months, unless sooner prorogued or dissolved as aforesaid.

III. If there be no Parliament at the Time of such Death, that has sate, then the last preceding Parliament shall meet and sit at *Westminster*, and continue as aforesaid.

IV. Neither Privy Council, nor any Office or Employment Civil or Military,

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in any her Majesty's Dominions or the Plantations, shall be void by the Death of her Majesty, her Heirs or Successors; but the said Privy Council, and other Officers shall continue and act in their Offices and Employments for six Months after, unless discharged by the Successor.

V. Great Seal, Privy Seal, Signet, and other Public Seals, shall continue till the Successor order the contrary.

VI. If the Queen die without Issue, the Privy Council with speed shall cause the next Protestant Successor to the Crown by the Statutes aforesaid, to be solemnly proclaimed in usual manner; and every Member thereof wilfully neglecting or refusing, shall be guilty and suffer the Penalties of High Treason; and every Officer by the Privy Council required to make Proclamation, wilfully neglecting or refusing, shall be guilty of, and suffer the Penalties of High Treason.

VII. For the continuing the Administration of the Government in the Name of such Protestant Successor, till their Arrival in *England*, the seven Officers, who shall be in Possession of their Offices at the Death of her Majesty, *viz.* 1. The Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*. 2. The Lord Chancellor or Keeper. 3. Lord High Treasurer. 4. Lord President of the

the Council. 5. Lord *Privy Seal*. 6. Lord *High Admiral*. 7. Lord *Chief Justice* of the *Queens Bench*, all at that time being, are hereby appointed Lords Justices of *England*, until such Successor arrive or determine their Authority.

VIII. The Person to succeed in Case of her Majesty's Death without Issue, impowered during her Majesty's Life, by three Instruments under Hand and Seal, revocable, to appoint so many natural-born Subjects of *England*, as *He* or *She* shall think fit, to be added to the said Officers, to be Lords Justices, to act with them as Lords Justices, who, or the major Part, not being fewer than Five, shall execute the Powers of Lords Justices.

IX. The Three Instruments revocable to be transmitted into *England* to the *Resident* of the Person next to succeed, whose Credentials shall be enrolled in Chancery, and to the Lord Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, and Lord Chancellor, or Keeper, close sealed up; and after shall be severally put into Covers, and severally sealed by such *Resident*, Arch-Bishop, and Lord Chancellor or Keeper. If the next Successor be minded to revoke or alter such Appointment, then such Instruments shall be delivered up. If



any the Persons with whom deposited die, or be removed from their Offices during her Majesty's Life, such Persons, their Executors or Administrators, shall immediately deliver them to the Successors of the Persons dying or removed. Which Instruments, after the Demise of her Majesty without Issue, shall be immediately brought to the Privy Council, and be opened, read, and enrolled in Chancery.

X. If the Persons with whom deposited, or others in whose Custody the same shall be, after the Decease of the said Persons, shall open the same, or wilfully neglect or refuse to produce them as aforesaid, such Person shall incur the Penalties of *Præmunire*.

XI. If all the said Instruments be not produced before the Privy-Council, then one or more to be as effectual ; and if no such Instrument, then the said seven Officers, or any Five, to be Lords Justices.

XII. The Lords Justices shall not dissolve the Parliament without direction from such Successor, and are hereby disabled to give the Royal Assent to any Bill for Repealing or Altering the *Uniformity of Public Prayers*, &c. And every the Lords Justices giving the Royal Assent to such Bill, shall be guilty of High-Treason.

XIII.



XIII. The Lords Justices, before they act, shall take the Oath mentioned i W. 6<sup>th</sup> M. Sess. 2. Cap. 2. viz. (*I A. B. do sincerely Promise and Swear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King GEORGE; and that I do from my Heart Abhor, Detest, and abjure, as Impious and Heretical, this damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Prebeminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, in this Realm. So help me God.*) And the Oath aftermentioned, before the Privy Council, and the Members of both Houses of Parliament, and all Officers Civil and Military, who shall by this Act be continued, shall take the said Oaths, and do the other Acts requisite, as if they had been then newly elected, or put into such Offices, Places or Employments.

XIV. The Lords Justices shall be deemed Persons executing Offices of Trust in this Kingdom, and shall do all Acts requisite to qualify themselves.

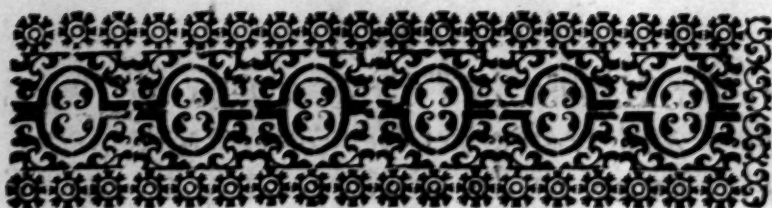
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XV. After the Death of her Majesty without Issue, instead of the Oath to be taken by 1 A. Cap. 22. Sess. 1. the following Oath shall be taken by all Persons required to take the said Oath. I A. B. do truly and sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testify, and declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, that our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE is Lawful and Rightful King of this Realm, and of all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging; (and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James, and since his Decease pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England, by the Name of James the Third, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging; and I do Renounce, Refuse, and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him) and I do swear, That I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King George, and Him will defend to the utmost of my Power against all Trayterous Conspiracies, and Attempts whatsoever against his Person, Crown or Dignity; and I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose or make known


to his Majesty and his Successors all Treasons and trayterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against Him, or any of them: And I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my Power to Support, Maintain, and Defend the Limitation and Succession of the Crown (against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever) as the same (by an Act intituled, An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject) is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutchess-Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, Mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation, and promise heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.

So help me God.





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OF THE  
*Present Royal Family.*

I.  IS Most Serene High-  
ness GEORGE LEWIS,  
eldest Son and Heir to  
ERNEST AUGUST, late  
Elector of *Brunswick*,  
was born *May 28. 1660.*

At a Chapter of the Most Noble Or-  
der of the Garter, held at *Kensington*,  
*June 18. 1701.* he was Elected into that  
Most Noble Society, and on Sunday,  
*August 24.* was invested with the whole  
Habit and Ensigns of the Order, at *Ha-  
nover*, and on the *13th of March, 1703.*  
was Installed at *Windsor* by Proxy.

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II. On *November 11. 1682.* he married *SOPHIA DOROTHY* his Cousin German, Daughter and only Child to *GEORGE WILLIAM* Duke of *Brunswick-Cell*, which Princess was born on the *5th of September, 1666.* by whom his Highness has had Issue,

III. *GEORGE AUGUST*, Born *October 30th, 1683.*

At a Chapter held at *Kensington, April 4th, 1706.* Elected a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; the *2d of June* he was Invested, and on the *9th of November* was created a Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount, and Baron of *England*, by the Titles of Duke and Marquis of *Cambridge*, Earl of *Milford-Haven*, Viscount *North-Allerton*, and Baron of *Tewksbury*.

IV. In the Beginning of *September, 1705.* he married the Princess *WILHELMINA-CAROLINA*, Daughter of *JOHN FREDERICK*, Marquis of *Brandenburgh-Anspach*, by his second Wife, which Princess was born the *1st of March, 1683,* having had Issue by the Prince Electoral one Son, viz.

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V. FREDERICK GEORGE, Prince of *Brunswick*, Born at *Hanover*, 30th of *January*, N. S. 1706.

VI. SOPHIA DOROTHY, only Daughter of GEORGE LEWIS, Elector of *Brunswick*, was Born 16 *March*, 1687. and on 27 *November*, N. S. 1706. was married to her Cousin-German FREDERICK-WILLIAM, Prince Royal of *Prussia*.

VII. MAXIMILIAN-WILLIAM, Prince of *Brunswick Lunenburgh*, Third Son of the late Elector, was Born 23 *Decemb.* N. S. 1666. now living at the Court of his Imperial Majesty at *Vienna*, unmarried.

VIII. ERNEST AUGUST, Prince of *Brunswick Lunenburgh*, Sixth Son of the late Elector, was born 17 *September*, 1674. now living at the Court of *Hanover*, unmarried.

IX. FREDERICK WILLIAM, now King of *Prussia*, was Born *August* 4. 1688. whose Marriage with his Cousin-German, SOPHIA DOROTHY of *Brunswick Lunenburgh*, is before related.

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X. FREDERICK WILLIAM, his Second Son, was born in *January*, 1744.

XI. ANNE, a Daughter, was Born *May* 5. 1713.

*God Save King* GEORGE. !

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